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SUBJECT: SHABA DEVELOPMENTS: JUNE 5,1978

1. MILITARY STIUTION: NO FLNC INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED  
IN ANY OF THE SOUTH SHABAN TOWNS OVER THE WEEKEND. FRENCH  
AND BELGIAN TROOPS HAVE MAINTAINED THEIR PRESENCE THROUGH  
OUT THE AREA, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE BEEN MAKING FEWER VISI  
BILITY PATROLS THAN WHEN THEY FIRST ARRIVED. THE FIRST  
AMERICAN C-141 ARRIVED AT 1940 ON JUNE 4 CARRYING THE US  
AIR FORCE GROUND TEAM WHICH WILL SERVICE THE US AIR FORCE  
PLANES EXCHANGING THE PAN-AFRICAN FORCE FOR FRENCH LEGION  
NAIRES. THE FIRST PLANE OF MOROCCAN TROOPS WAS DUE TO  
ARRIVE THE MORNING OF JUNE 5. FOUR OTHER FLIGHTS CARRYING  
MOROCCANS AND THEIR EQUIPMENT ARE EXPECTED LATER IN  
THE DAY. NO FRENCH LEGIONNAIRES WILL BE DEPARTING ON  
THESE FIRST PLANES. ACCORDING TO THE UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AIR FORCE TEAM AND THE HEAD OF  
THE FRENCH TEAM, THE FIRST LEGIONNAIRES WILL BE  
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LEAVING ON JUNE 6.

2. REACTION TO PULLOUT: STRONG CONCERN HAS BEEN  
EXPRESSED THAT THE FRENCH ARE PULLING OUT TOO QUICKLY.  
MANY EXPATRIATES DEPENDENTS DEPARTED OVER THE WEEKEND  
WHILE PEOPLE SEEM MORE PREPARED PSYCHOLOGICALLY TO  
ACCEPT THE PAN AFRICAN FORCE NOW THAN WHEN IT WAS

FIRST ANNOUNCED, THERE REMAIN STRONG DOUBTS ABOUT ITS LIKELY EFFECTIVENESS. IN ADDITION PEOPLE ARE ASKING WHERE WILL THESE TROOPS BE DEPLOYED. WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THEM, THE EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY FELT STRONGLY THAT THE FRENCH AND BELGIAN TROOPS WERE PROTECTING THEM. WITH THE PAN AFRICAN FORCE, THEY ARE NOT SO SURE.

3. DELEGATION FROM GECAMINES (GCM) AND FRENCH CONSULATE MET WITH COLONEL GRAS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF FRENCH MILITARY STAFF EVENING OF JUNE ' TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERN THAT FRENCH WERE PLANNING TOO RAPID A DEPARTURE. FRENCH CONSUL SAID THAT DURING MEETING IN LIKASI OVER WEEKEND IN LIKASI WITH NUMBERS OF FRENCH COMMUNITY. 49 OUT OF 50 PARTICIPANTS SAID THEY WOULD LEAVE ZAIRE IF THERE WAS PRECIPITOUS FRENCH PULL-OUT. GCM OFFICIALS SAID IT WAS NOT ONLY EXPATRIATES COMMUNITY THAT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT FRENCH ACTIONS, BUT ALSO THEIR ZAIRIAN STAFF, PARTICULARLY IN KOLWEZI WHERE OPERATIONS WERE JUST BEGINNING. ZAIRIAN ENGINEERS HAD STATED INFORMALLY THEY WOULD BE AFRAID TO CONTINUE THEIR WORK WITHOUT ASSURED FOREIGN PROTECTION. GRAS SEEMS TO HAVE TOLD THE GCM GROUP THAT THE FIRST FRENCH WOULD NOT BE LEAVING BEFORE JUNE 7(DESPIE THE FACT THAT AMERICAN LIAISON TEAM HAD CONFIRMED A JUNE 6 DEPARTURE FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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THE FIRST UNITS ONLY ONE HOUR EARLIER) AND THAT ALL FRENCH TROOPS WOULD LEAVE WITHIN EIGHT DAYS. THE GCM GROUP PRESSED THE FRENCH TO REMAIN WITH AT LEAST A TOKEN DELEGATION UNTIL THE PAN-AFRICAN FORCE CAN ESTABLISH ITSELF. THEY SPOKE OF A TEMPORARY PRESENCE OF A DETACHMENT, POSSIBLY 250 LEGIONNAIRES BUT WERE UNWILLING TO SET A FIRM WITHDRAWAL DATE COL GRAS SAID HE WOULD RELAY THE GROUPS CONCERN TO PARIS. THE BELGIANS AND FRENCH CONSUL GENERALS WILL BE MAKING A SIMILAR APPEAR TO THEIR CAPITALS.

4. KOLWEZI ACTIVITIES: ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT MOBUTU SPENT EACH EVENING OVER THE WEEKEND IN LUBUMBASHI HE MADE SEVERAL DAY VISITS TO KOLWEZI. ORDER SEEMS TO BE SLOWLY RETURNING TO THE OTWN. REPORTS OF LOOTING HAVE DECLINED. ON JUNE 2 THE PRESIDENT VISITED THE GECAMINES FACILITIES IN KOLWEZI, ACCOMPANIED BY 30. LEGIONNAIRES FOR SECURITY AND EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION THAT THE ZAIRIAN CADRE AND WORKERS WERE ABLE TO RESTART THE MINING OPERATIONS WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF RESIDENT EXPATRIATES. HE NOTED PUBLICLY THAT THERE HAD BEEN TOO MANY EUROPEANS AND

HOPED THE COMPANY WOULD BE ABLE TO WORK WITH FEWER IN THE FUTURE. RETURNING TO KOLWEZI ON THE AFTER NOON OF JUNE 4 WITH CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA, THE PRESIDENT DROVE BRIEFLY AROUND THE TOWN AND AGAIN VISITED SOME OF THE GCM FACILITIES. THE CHINESE FONMIN DEPARTED FOR KINSHASA IN THE EVENING.

5. GECAMINES KOLWEZI OPERATIONS: AGAINST THE ADVICE OF SENIOR EXPATRIATE OFFICIALS, GCM HAD ALL OF ITS KOLWEZI INSTALLATION OPERATING (EXCEPT THE MATEALKAT ZINC PLANT) FOR THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU ON JUNE 2. THE KOLWEZI CONCENTRATOR HAD BEGUN OPERATING AT 80 PC CAPACITY AND THE KAMOTO CONCENTRATOR AT 65 OF CAPACITY. THE EXPATRIATES ARGUE THAT IT IS SIMPLE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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START OPERATIONS AT ALL PLANTS IN KOLWEZI BUT THAT THE ZAIRIAN ENGINEERS LACK THE EXPERIENCE TO HANDLE EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. THEY STATE THAT THE MISHANDLED PROBLEMS AT THE UNDERGROUND MINE AND MODERN KAMOTO CONCENTRATOR WILL LEAD TO FUTURE PRODUCTION DELAYS AND COSTLY EXPENSES.

6. GECAMINES DELEGATE GENERAL UMBA LEFT FOR PARIS ON JUNE 4 TO MEET WITH THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES AND ASK FOR GREATER FRENCH ASSISTANCE TO GECAMINES COMMENT: SPECULATION IS THAT PRESIDENT MOTUBU ANGERED BY RECENT POLITICAL ACTIONS IN BELGIAN AND ZAIRES HEAVY DEPENDENCE ON BELGIAN TECHNICIANS AT GCM, IS SEEKING FRENCH AGREEMENT TO PLAY A LARGE ROLE IN THE OPERATIONS OF THE MINING COMPANY. SINCE THE FRENCH ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN JEALOUS OF THE PRE DOMINANCE OF THE BELGIANS IN GCM AFFAIRS, UMBA TRIP TO PARIS IS SEEN AS AN ADVANCE MOVE TO SPLIT THE FRENCH FROM THE BELGIANS IN ANY FUTURE EFFORT TO PRESENT THE MOBUTU GOVERNMENT WITH JOINT DEMANDS FOR REFORMS, END COMMENT.

7. LUBUMBASHI: CURFEW REMAINS IN EFFECT, BUT THERE ARE FEWER SOLDIERS IN THE CENTER OF TOWN ENFORCING IT. MILITARY ACTIVITIES AT NIGHT ARE CONCENTRATED IN THE OUTLYING ZAIRIAN CITIES, WHERE SOLDIERS HAVE CONTINUED TO BEAT UP AND ROB ANYONE WHO CROSSES THEIR PATH OR HAPPENS TO BE OUTSIDE THEIR HOMES. SOME SOLDIERS HAVE BOLDLY PUSHED THEIR WAY INTO HOMES OF THE URBAN POOR FOR WHAT HAS BECOME ROUTINE HARASSMENT. ON JUNE 2, A DELEGATION OF ZAIRIAN EMPLOYEES MET WITH MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE SOLDIERS BRUTALITY. THE AUTHORITIES SAID THEY WOULD ATTEMPT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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CONTROL EXCESSES,BUT MAINTAINED THAT VIGILANCE WAS  
NECESSARY TO PREVENT INFILTRATION AND PROVIDE  
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